

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, April 21, 2016.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David V. Brewer, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2016.

Gayle A. Nachtigal, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2018.

Geeta Pasi, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—56)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2350.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for Defense innovation and research, after

receiving testimony from Frank Kendall, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Stephen Welby, Assistant Secretary for Research and Engineering, and Arati Prabhakar, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Navy and Marine Corps aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Paul A. Grosklags, USN, Commander, Naval Air Systems, and Rear Admiral Michael C. Manazir, USN, Director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N98), both of the Department of the Navy, and Lieutenant General Jon M. Davis, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, United States Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the current state of research, diagnosis, and treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, after receiving testimony from Captain Walter M. Greenhalgh, MC, USN, Director for the National Intrepid Center of Excellence Directorate, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and Captain Michael J. Colston, MC, USN, Director, Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, both of the Department of Defense; and Amy E. Street, Deputy Director, Women's Health Sciences Division, National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Department of Veterans Affairs.

RESTORING STABILITY TO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine restoring stability to government operations, after receiving testimony from Kevin A. Hassett, and Norman J. Ornstein, both of American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Philip

G. Joyce, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, College Park.

U.S. MARITIME INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine the state of the United States maritime industry, focusing on stakeholder perspectives, after receiving testimony from Perry M. Bourne, Tyson Foods, Inc., Dakota Dunes, South Dakota; Mark McAndrews, Port of Pascagoula, Pascagoula, Mississippi, on behalf of the American Association of Port Authorities; Michael G. Roberts, Crowley Maritime Corp., Jacksonville, Florida; and Klaus Luhta, International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots, Linthicum Heights, Maryland.

WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine new approaches and innovative technologies to improve water supply, after receiving testimony from James C. Dalton, Chief, Engineering and Construction, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; Denis Bilodeau, Orange County Water District, Fountain Valley, California; and M. Kevin Price, Middle East Desalination Research Center, Muscat, Oman.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill to prevent identity theft and tax refund fraud; and

An original bill entitled, "Taxpayer Protection Act of 2016".

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE ON THE MOSUL DAM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on an Administration update on the Mosul Dam from Joseph S. Pennington, Deputy Secretary of State for Iraq, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; Lieutenant Colonel Brian Randolph, Strategic Plans and Policy, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Brigadier General Michael A. Fantini, Principal

Director for Middle East Policy, Office of the Under Secretary for Policy, Office of the Secretary, both of the Department of Defense; and Mona Yacoubian, Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Middle East, and Jeremy Konyndyk, Director, Office of United States Foreign Disaster Assistance, both of the United States Agency for International Development.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE STATE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the administrative state, focusing on an examination of Federal rulemaking, after receiving testimony from Jonathan Turley, The George Washington University Law School, Bradford P. Campbell, Drinker Biddle and Reath, LLP, William L. Kovacs, United States Chamber of Commerce, and Robert Weissman, Public Citizen, all of Washington, D.C.; and Randolph J. May, The Free State Foundation, Potomac, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Inga S. Bernstein, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, who was introduced by Senators Warren and Markey, Stephanie A. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, who was introduced by Senators Mikulski and Cardin, Suzanne Mitchell, and Scott L. Palk, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, who were introduced by Senator Lankford, and Ronald G. Russell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, who was introduced by Senators Hatch and Lee, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Carla D. Hayden, of Maryland, to be Librarian of Congress, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Cardin and Mikulski, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.